

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A contents server which generates guide contents from site information, information ~~en~~from a plurality of information sources and contents information, said server comprising:

information acquisition means for acquiring information specifying a combination of the information ~~en~~from the plurality of information sources and the contents information;

site information focusing means for narrowing down the site information using the acquired information;

guide contents generating means for generating the guide contents using the narrowed down site information; and

guide contents output means for outputting the generated guide contents on a plurality of image layers superimposed on each other, each image layer corresponding to an information source among the plurality of information sources.

3. (original) The contents server according to claim 2, wherein:

the site information includes site positional information, and

said guide contents generating means generates the guide contents using map data, the map data including positional information on a map for each site, said guide contents generating means laying out and displaying the site information on the map by matching the site positional information to the positional information on the map.

4. (original) The contents server according to claim 2, further comprising:

user information acquisition means for acquiring user information created by a user, wherein said guide contents generating means generates the guide contents by relating the acquired user information with the site information.

5-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) An information processing method for generating guide contents from site information, information ~~en~~from a plurality of information sources and contents information, said information processing method comprising:

acquiring information specifying a combination of the information ~~en~~from the plurality of information sources and the contents information;

narrowing down the site information using the acquired information;

generating guide contents using the narrowed down site information; and

outputting the generated guide contents on a plurality of image layers superimposed on each other, each image layer corresponding to an information source among the plurality of information sources.

9. (original) The information processing method according to claim 8, wherein:

the site information includes site positional information, and

the guide contents generating step generates the guide contents using map data, the map data including positional information on a map for each site, the guide contents generating step including laying out and displaying the site information on the map by matching the site positional information to the positional information on the map.

10. (original) The information processing method according to claim 8, further comprising:

acquiring user information created by a user, wherein the guide contents generation step generates the guide contents by relating the acquired user information to the site information.

11. (currently amended) An information processing method for using contents information, information ~~en~~from a plurality of information sources, and site information including positional information specifying a position of a site, said information processing method comprising:

acquiring information specifying a combination of the information ~~en~~from the plurality of information sources and the contents information;

narrowing down the site information using the acquired information;

matching the positional information included with the site information to positional information on a map for each site to produce a map/site match for each site; and

displaying the site information and the acquired information on the map using the narrowed down site information and the map/site match for each site, the site information being displayed on a first image layer and the acquired information being displayed on a second image layer superimposed with the first image layer.

12. (original) The information processing method according to claim 11, wherein the displaying step displays the site information on the map using an icon corresponding to the site information.

13. (original) The information processing method according to claim 12, wherein the displaying step displays the site information corresponding to the icon.

14-25 (canceled)

26. (new) The contents server according to claim 2, wherein the generated guide contents are outputted based on an update date of the guide contents.

27. (new) The information processing method according to claim 8, wherein the generated guide contents are outputted based on an update date of the guide contents.

28. (new) The information processing method according to claim 11, wherein the site information is outputted based on an update date of the guide contents.